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I am deeply disappointed and disillusioned by the DOJ and Congress by their handling of the Microsoft cases.

A smaller company would never be allowed the delaying tactics Microsoft has employed. There should have been contempt citations issued months ago with penalties levied for the actions of Microsoft. Repeat offenders should not be told "to play nice and we will take your word that you will". The court has repeatedly done this. It is time Microsoft actually paid some kind of penalty for their crimes.

Donating hardware and software to schools is NO penalty. Most of our larger companies already do so as a matter of civic duty and it is good advertising.

As a deeply patriotic person who believes in the inherent goodness of our country it makes me sad to see the way the handling of this case continues to prove the idea that enough money will put you above the law. Much of the general public already doubts the integrity of our basic institutions. This case and its handling continues to weaken our faith. It would come as no surprise to me if the investigators, legislators and courts begin to come under increasing scrutiny by the public.